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TESTIMONY OF HOUSTON PUTNAM LOWRY¹
OPPOSING HB-5064
AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS NOT ENTITLED
TO LAWFUL RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

This testimony is submitted opposing HB-5064 - An Act Concerning
Employment Of Aliens Not Entitled To Lawful Residence In The United States.

This act makes it a criminal offense to knowingly employ an alien who is not entitled to lawful residence in the United States. An immediate question is whether the bill includes temporary residence or means only permanent residence. Assuming the State of Connecticut wants to legislate in this area despite the comprehensive federal legislation, the act should make it a criminal offense to knowingly employ an alien who is not entitled to be lawfully employed in the United States. There are a number of aliens who are entitled to be present in the United States (but may not permanently reside in the United States) but are entitled to be employed.²

I request you do not favorably report this bill as it is presently drafted.

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² 8 CFR §274a.12-14; 8 CFR §214.1(e).